

**Remarks/Arguments**

**35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1, 11, and 21, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Thibadeau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,432,542), hereinafter Thibadeau. Support for amendments to claims 1, 11, and 21 can be found in para. 44 of the specification (detecting power interruption) and para. 52 (Fig. 5) (notify user).

It is submitted that Thibadeau fails to teach or suggest the steps of:

“detecting a power interruption to said apparatus”

or

“enabling an output to notify a user responsive to detecting said condition”

or

“enabling a user to provide updated information associated with the emergency alert function responsive to detecting said condition”

as recited by claim 1.

Thibadeau teaches a system that “retains its location information across transient events such as power failures.” (Col. 15, lines 19-20) Thibadeau is silent on whether the system detects a power interruption. Thibadeau merely stores its previously location information in a memory, loses power, and then with the resumption of power, operates as normal. Occasionally, the system of Tibadeau updates its location information based on available information, such as GPS or roadside transmitters. Thus, Thibadeau does not teach or suggest “detecting a power interruption to said apparatus” as recited by currently amended claim 1.

Furthermore, it is submitted that since Thibadeau does not teach or suggest “detecting a power interruption to said apparatus” as recited by currently amended claim 1, Thibadeau cannot teach “enabling an output to notify a user responsive to detecting said power interruption” as recited by currently amended claim 1. Thibadeau teaches that the location information is updated in response to new location information being received. (Col. 14, lines 55-60) Thibadeau does not teach or remotely suggest “enabling an output to

notify a user responsive to detecting said power interruption” as recited by currently amended claim 1.

Thibadeau teaches a system wherein “the data processor associated with the set-top unit receives location information from the transmission and from the user.” (Col. 9, lines 55-60) However, the user is not enabled to provide this updated information associated with the emergency alert function **responsive to detecting said power interruption**. Thibadeau teaches a system wherein the user may provide updated information, but not responsive to a power interruption because Thibadeau can not detect power interruptions. Thus, Thibadeau does not teach or suggest “enabling a user to provide updated information associated with the emergency alert function responsive to detecting said power interruption” as recited by the currently amended claim 1.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully asserted that there is no 35 USC 112 enabling disclosure provided by Thibadeau that makes the present invention as claimed in claim 1 unpatentable. It is further submitted that independent claims 11 and 21 are allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable. Since dependent claims 3-10, 13-20, and 23-30 are dependent from allowable independent claims 11 and 21 respectfully, it is submitted that they too are allowable for at least the same reasons that their respective independent claims are allowable. Thus, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection has been satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner’s rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant’s representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

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